WELLINGTON (SOMERSET) RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To:

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WELLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

27th March 1974.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present an abbreviated Annual Report for the year 1973. Because of pressure of work on the Health Department and also owing to the fact that Vital Statistics of Births are not yet to hand, it has not been found possible to provide a Report in the comprehensive form of previous years. Since Wellington Rural District Council forms part of a combined Registration District it has not been feasible to disentangle figures of Births, Deaths, Infant Mortality and so on for this particular District. These figures will be to hand at a later date.

So far as the General Provisions for Health Services in the District are concerned these have not varied to any substantial extent from those described in my Report for 1972.

There was a small outbreak of Measles in the early part of the year producing 30 cases. Apart from that, the prevalence of infectious disease was at a very low level. Notifications were received for one case of Scarlet Fever and one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

A number of Salmonella agama infections occurred in the neighbouring Urban District of Wellington and these were traced to infected milk from a farm in the Rural District. Measures were taken to have this milk pasteurised and once this had been done there were no further cases.

Sewerage of the village of Hillfarrance was completed at the end of 1973. The scheme for resewering part of Milverton, extension of the sewer to Hillcommon and Oake and reconstruction of the Milverton sewage works commenced during the year.

Poultry inspection was carried out at a large chicken processing factory in the district with a throughout of 2,114,857 birds and a turkey farm which produced 17,782 birds.

The following is a table of the visits carried out by the Public Health Inspectors for various purposes:-

Dwelling houses (inspections and revisits for all purposes)	697
Food Hygiene	67
Slaughterhouses	124
Factories and Workshops	63
Drainage Nuisances	197
Effluent Samples	23
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act 1960	37
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963	27
Swimming Baths	12
Petroleum Storage	30
Miscellaneous nuisances and other visits	105

I am,

Your obedient servant,

HUGH MORRISON.

Medical Officer of Health.